GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SCAM IN DISTRIBUTION OF PDS WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a multi-crore scam in distribution of wheat allocated by the Union Government to the States for distribution among the people living above poverty line under Public Distribution System (PDS) has come to the notice of the Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons held responsible for the scam alongwith the action taken against such officers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): No such report of multi-crore scam in distribution of wheat from any State/UT has been received. However, as per information available during the year 2006, five case of black-marketing of wheat were reported by the State Governments and six persons involved in these black-marketing cases have been ordered for detention under the Prevention of Black-marketing and Maintenance of supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980. In addition, during 2006-07, 106 persons were arrested prosecuted/convicted under PDS (Control) Order, 2001 by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and 2634 Fair Price Shops licences were suspended/cancelled/show cause notices issued to the Fair Price Shops for various offences committed in the functioning of the TPDS.